

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator O'Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think I feel about like the Vikings did when they originally took over Ireland many, many years ago when I look over those Irish names on the resolution, but I can assure you we overcome then and hopefully we'll overcome today. I think I have a sincere logical reason to submit Greeley instead of O'Neill in this resolution. Our Lieutenant Governor, Gerald Whelan, of course, came from the Greeley County or Greeley. We have probably one of the top Irish fighters in the nation in the Golden Gloves today in Mark Dugan, who is going to carry not only Greeley, but the Nebraska label in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Recently, two or three years ago, the only place in the midwest that the touring Irish singers direct from Carnegie Hall came, not to O'Neill. They came to the Irish capital of Greeley. If you will go through the old cemeteries in the Greeley-O'Connor area, you'll find old Irish names with maybe exception of one, a Swedish name, but I guess he probably died while he was just passing through. I was very surprised though to see my good friend and colleague, Harold Moylan's name on the resolution and I certainly hope that, I know that they have been married forty nine years, and I certainly hope that Margaret, who also comes from Greeley, doesn't decide to terminate the long span of years that you have, Senator Moylan. I would ask that we adopt my amendment. Make Greeley the Irish capital as it should very well be. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Brennan, do you wish to speak to the amendment? Senator Bill Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: Yes, if Senator Rasmussen will yield to a question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Would Senator Rasmussen yield to a question? Would you respond, Senator Rasmussen?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Certainly.

SENATOR BRENNAN: I've often heard about St. Patrick driving snakes out of Ireland. Does he have anything to do with the Danes taking over at one time?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: No, for...

SENATOR BRENNAN: Thank you.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...for a true verification, check with Senator Murphy who agrees with me very wholeheartedly that the Danish people brought not only the wit, the charm but also the smarts to all Irish. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That ought to end all debate. All right. The lights are on for the main motion. Those of you who want to speak to the amendment, hold up your hand so I can see who wants to speak. Senator Moylan first. Then Senator Nichol.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I'm more or less forced to respond to Senator Rasmussen's remark. I must say it was under duress that I signed that motion by the member in the northern part of Omaha and sure and if you'd take it by population, I think Omaha itself should have the capital of the state.